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OF
LONDON AND LONDON LIFE,
IN THE
XIIITH, XIVTH, AND XVTH CENTURIES.

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268 *Proclamation as to the wearing of arms, etc.* [1351]

“ be so daring as to stand elsewhere than in ¹ Bruggestrete, the
 “ stalls near to Wollechirchehawe, or Eldefisshestrete, in London, with
 “ such fish to sell, either by night or by day ; on pain of forfeiting
 “ such fish the first time, and of losing his freedom the second time,
 “ if such person be a freeman or freewoman of the City ; and on
 “ pain of imprisonment, if the person be a foreigner ; and on pain
 “ of imprisonment the third time, whether it be native or stranger,
 “ denizen or foreigner : those persons only excepted, who shall have
 “ herrings, white or dried, stock-fish, salt fish, salmon, and other
 “ manner of fish, in boats or in other vessels, for sale at the stairs of
 “ Billyngesgate. And it is not their intention but that those persons
 “ who heretofore used to carry fish through the City for sale to
 “ divers working-men, may carry them as before they were wont
 “ to do, for the sake of such working-men and other persons in the
 “ City ; but they are not to stand in any certain place to sell such
 “ fish, as now of late they have begun to do.”



*Royal proclamation as to the wearing of arms in the City, and at
 Westminster ; and as to playing at games in the Palace at West-
 minster.*

25 Edward III. A.D. 1351. Letter-Book F. fol. ccviii. (Norman French.)

“ FORASMUCH as heretofore at the Parliaments and Councils of our
 “ Lord the King, broils, riots, and disputes, have arisen and been
 “ moved, for that people have gone to the places where such Par-
 “ liaments and Councils have been summoned and assembled, armed
 “ with haketons, with plates, with swords, and with long daggers,
 “ and with other manner of arms ; by reason whereof the business
 “ of our Lord the King and of his realm has both been impeded,
 “ and the great people and others who have come there, by com-
 “ mand of the King, have been alarmed thereat ;—our Lord the
 “ King, desiring to provide a remedy against such evils, doth forbid
 “ that any one, on pain of forfeiture of so much as unto the King he
 “ may forfeit, of whatsoever estate or condition he be, shall go armed
 “ with haketon, or with plate, or with habergeon ² [or with sword],
 “ or with long dagger, or with any other manner of arms suspected,
 “ within the City of London, or within the suburbs, or in any
 “ other places between the said city and the Palace of Westminster,
 “ or anywhere in the Palace, by land or by water, on the pain
 “ aforesaid ; save only the people of our Lord the King, whom he

¹ Bridge Street, Woolchurch Haw,
 and Old Fish Street.

² Omitted in the MS, but supplied
 from the *Reul. Parliam.* vol. ii. p. 236.

" shall see fit to depute to such place as by his command they
 " shall be deputed to, for keeping his peace at the said places ; and
 " also, except the officers of the King, according to the form of the
 " Statute made at Norhamptone. And it is not the intention of
 " our Lord the King, that any Earl [or] Baron shall not have his
 " sword carried with him, elsewhere than in the presence of the
 " King, or from the place of Council.

" And also,—it is forbidden on behalf of our Lord the King and
 " the Council, on pain of imprisonment, that any child, or other
 " person, shall play in any place of the Palace of Westminster,
 " during the Parliament which is summoned thereto, at ¹ bars, or
 " at other games not befitting, and such as taking off the hoods
 " of people, or laying hands upon them ; or in other way causing
 " hindrance, whereby each person may not peaceably follow his
 " business."



*Presentation to a Chantry at St. Paul's, founded by Sir John de
 Pulteneye.*

26 Edward III. A.D. 1352. Letter-Book F. fol. ccxv. (Latin.)

" To the venerable and discreet men, the Dean and Chapter of the
 " Church of St. Paul, in London, Andrew Aubrey, Mayor of the same
 " city, greeting in the Lord. We do present unto you by these pre-
 " sents our dearly beloved in Christ, Sir William Mason, Priest, to
 " fill the perpetual Chantry now vacant, with all the rights thereof,
 " which has been founded for a fitting Priest in the Church of St.
 " Paul, aforesaid, to celebrate Divine Service for the soul of ² John
 " de Pulteneye, Knight, and the souls of other persons in the will
 " of him, the same John, named, and the souls of all faithful per-
 " sons deceased ; and to our presentation, by reason of our hold-
 " ing the office of Mayor of the city aforesaid, in virtue of the will
 " of the said John, belonging ; and we do beg of you, that you will
 " admit the said John to the Chantry aforesaid, and, as the usage is,
 " will canonically institute him in the same, and will deign to do, in
 " favour of us, the other things which in this behalf unto your
 " office pertain. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters
 " patent, sealed with the Seal of the Mayoralty of the said city, to
 " be made. Given at London, on the Thursday next after the
 " Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul [29 June], in the 26th year
 " of the reign of King Edward, after the Conquest the Third."

¹ The "prisoner's bars," or "base," factor to the City. He was buried at
 probably of modern times. St. Paul's.

² Four times Mayor, and a great bene-